

Amendments to the Specification:

\*Please amend the specification at page 1, lines 8-17 as follows:

a' This application relates to Provisional Patent Applications Ser. #60/123,587 filed 3/10/99 and #60/126,592 filed 3/26/99, incorporated herein by reference. The application also relates to Utility Patent Application Ser. No. 09/404,292, [[#\_\_\_\_\_]] filed on 9/23/99 (the same date as this application) entitled "Method and apparatus for embedding auxiliary information within original data" by the same inventor of ~~author as~~ this application, Kenneth L. Levy, incorporated herein by reference.